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APPLICANT : Jeffrey M. Friedman et al.
SERIAL NO. : 08/783,734 EXAMINER : Draper, G.
FILED : January 16, 1997 ART UNIT : 1646
FOR : DB, THE RECEPTOR FOR LEPTIN, NUCLEIC ACIDS
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 27, 1999, issued in connection with the above-identified Application, please consider the following remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition for Extension of Time for five months, to and including October 27, 1999, accompanied by the required fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

67. A method for diagnosing body weight abnormalities in a mammal comprising detecting splice variants of OB-R in a patient sample comprising contacting a sample suspected of containing splice variants of OB-R with an oligonucleotide hybridizable under stringent conditions to the nucleic acid molecule which codes on expression for a polypeptide selected